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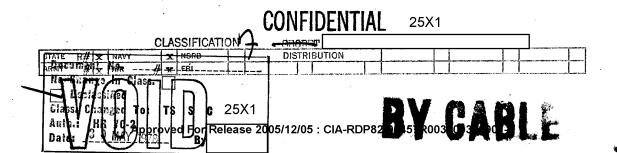
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25X1 25X1 Johannes Koenig, editor in chief of the <u>Sächsische Zeitung</u>, is to be appointed Ambassador from East Germany to the Communist government of China. Koenig is a Communist of long standing, who is said to have been in exile in Shanghai during the Nazi rigime. One of his fellow exiles in Shanghai, Walter Scholl, is to be commercial attaché in Shanghai. Scholl is an official in the Berliner Handelskontor, and was previously in the employ of the Trustee Administration under Willy Rumpf.

Firtz Grosse, the head of the State Control Commission in Saxony, is to be the East German Ambassador to Czechoslovakia. Kurt Erben, an official in the Deutsche Aussenhandelsgesellschaft, will go to Warsaw as commercial attaché, instead of Bruno Baum, who was recently made the chief of the Economy Department of East Berlin.

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- East Germany is in process of concluding a cultural agreement with Hungary. is understood that the agreement will provide for a number of channels whereby Hungary will gain access to East German cultural, educational, and scientific institutions; but there is no indication of any reciprocal concessions by Hungary to Germany.
- The Ministry for Internal Trade, headed by Josef Orlopp, is negotiating an agreement with Poland whereby machinery and steel (quantities not known) to be obtained under the East-West trade agreement are to be transshirmed directly to Foland. In exchange the Poles will deliver foodstuffs to East Germany.
- Hermann Grosse, head of the Administration for Machine Construction, has procured a new Buick sedan for the Horch Morks. The vehicle is to be disassembled there for purposes of study. Grosse is reported to have said that East Germany will produce a motor vehicle of the Buick class for export. He is also procuring a new Nash for the same purpose.



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